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highly explosive that they have been banned by Federal law since 1966. Working with the U.S. Customs Service since 1988, CPSC has seized or detained more than 400 million hazardous fireworks at docks across the country.

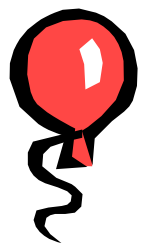
If consumer fireworks are legal where you live and you decide to set them off on your own, be sure to follow these important safety tips:

- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- A responsible adult should closely supervise all fireworks activities.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
- Light one item at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.
- Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of a malfunction or fire.

Retirement Receptions

There will be a retirement reception in honor of Earl Downey, CFC Purchasing Branch, on July 30 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the CHR cafeteria. Earl is retiring with a whopping 36 years of service!

A retirement reception will be held in honor of Bonnie Carter and Wilda Garland on Saturday, July 13, at 5 p.m. The reception will be held at 302 McKee Lane, Lawrenceburg, Ky. Attendees are asked to bring a pot-luck dish (meat and soft drinks will be



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Commission Urges Consumers to Celebrate Safely on Independence Day

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In the wake of the events of September 11th, many Americans are planning to display their patriotism on the Fourth of July in a big way. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) used a press conference on the National Mall to urge consumers to celebrate safely by not purchasing illegal fireworks and by adhering to CPSC safety tips on using legal ones. The Commission demonstrated the explosive force of illegal fireworks and showed the hazards of legal fireworks and sparklers, when used by young children or when used in an unsafe manner. Commission data reveal the result can be a severe burn, blinding, amputation, and even death.

"Young children and fireworks don't mix. Never give fireworks, even sparklers, to little ones," Moore told reporters. "Sparklers burn at temperatures of 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit."

As part of its fireworks enforcement program, CPSC prevents millions of hazardous fireworks from reaching consumers. Fireworks that are banned and often seized under the program include illegal mail order kits containing chemical mixtures that can explode unexpectedly and violently. M-80s, cherry bombs and quarter sticks are so



provided). For more information, contact Anne Flynn, at 564-7043.

The Foster Parent Challenge: “Dare to Love”

By Mike Jennings

The Cabinet is deploying an important new strategy in its ongoing effort to recruit more foster and adoptive parents.

Starting this month, recruitment and certification (R&C) workers statewide will ship packets of newly created printed and video materials to all families that express an interest in fostering or adopting.

These materials center on the theme “Dare to Love.” They are intended to strike a balance between inspiring families to make a commitment to foster or adopt and giving them realistic expectations of the time, trouble, rewards and tribulations such a commitment will involve.

The print and video materials were prepared by the Division of Protection and Permanency, CFC Communications Office and Division of Media Resources at Eastern Kentucky University. The training resource center at Murray State University will assemble the packets and provide them to R&C staff in the regions, who may add region-specific information before mailing them to families.

CFC Holds Sessions on Deferred Comp

By Kate Fox

Cabinet for Families and Children staff can get the facts about tax-deferred savings options available to state employees during informational sessions July 25 in the meeting room in the CHR Building cafeteria.

A representative of the Kentucky Employees Deferred Compensation System will conduct the sessions at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. They will include:

- Explaining the 401(k) and 457 Plans and enrolling any interested employees;

- Answering questions relating to the Kentucky Deferred Comp plans;
- Helping employees increase, decrease or otherwise change their future deferrals; and
- Conducting individual employee sessions (as requested or required).

These sessions provide information about one of the most important employee benefits provided by state law. Please take the time to attend and see what can be learned about Kentucky Deferred Comp.

For more information, call Jolene VanHorne at 1-800-793-4401 (Option 5) Ext. 43653.

Hiring Notice

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, a statewide, non-profit group sponsoring abuse prevention programs, is recruiting an outreach coordinator to oversee the direct provision of child abuse prevention outreach services on an individual, community and statewide basis. Position is full-time salary, contingent upon education, experience and qualifications. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in social work or a related field.

Primary Responsibilities

- Oversee administration, program delivery, volunteer recruitment, volunteer recognition and program evaluation of the Parent Helpline and 1-800-CHILDREN;
- Oversee administration of the resource library and public education materials ensuring updated information and adequate stock of materials for distribution;
- Facilitate the development of the Statewide Prevention Network;
- Coordinate the statewide Champions for Children Awards;
- Recruit and supervise agency volunteers as needed;
- Serve as the Healthy Families America State Leader and serve as PCAK Liaison to the HANDS network;
- Provide trainings to appropriate audiences;
- Participate and assist in specialized campaigns and projects as necessary;

- Perform additional duties as requested.

Requirements

Some travel and night/weekend work.

To Apply

Forward a copy of your resume, one sample of your writing skills and a cover letter to: **Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky** - Attn: Rashmi Adi-Brown, 489 E. Main St. – 3rd. Floor, Lexington, KY 40507 No Phone Calls - **Position Open Until Filled**

Kentucky A Leader for Special-needs Children

By Mike Jennings

Kentucky is being cited as a national pacesetter in paying adequate adoption subsidies for special-needs children and maintaining specialized subsidy rates after adoptions are completed.

The North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) lists Kentucky, Connecticut, the District of Columbia and New Hampshire as national leaders in paying adoption subsidies for special-needs children that are equivalent to foster care rates.

In its soon-to-be-released *Report Card on Adoption Subsidy Programs in the 50 States and the District of Columbia*, NACAC says those rates also equal or exceed the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s estimates of what it costs a low-income family to raise a child in the U.S.

NACAC also commends Kentucky, Connecticut and the District of Columbia for their “model policies” for maintaining subsidy rates for children with special needs after they are adopted.

“By maintaining full foster care benefits into adoption,” the draft report says, “these states lessen the chances of adoption dissolution, and encourage future adoptions by these same families.”

Removing financial disincentives for adoption is good for state budgets in the long term “and good for children all of the time,” the report says.